Reorganisation of States

465. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to reorganise the States was under the consideration of Government;

(b) whether some States were proposed to be bifurcated;

(c) if so, the manner in which the States would be reorganised; and

(d) the decision taken by Government in the direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) At present there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government of India for reorganisation of State(s).

Appointment of SC/ST Conductors in D.T.C.

466. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 500 SC/ST candidates having completed all pre-appointment formalities *i.e.* Training, Medical, Security etc. are waiting for their appointment as Conductor in DTC;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in the matter;

(c) what action has so far been taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) whether the policy of adding 2000 STA permit buses in place of enlarging the number of DTC buses in Delhi would enhance the prospects of their appointment in D.T.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Selection and training is a continuous process in the DTC and for this purpose a select panel of 1775 persons which includes 496 SC/ST candidates has has been drawn up for the post of Retainer Crew Conductor. As there are no vacancies in the category of Conductors, no appointment could be made.

(d) No, Sir.

Pollution Control Certificate for Commercial Vehicles

467. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1497 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31.7.91 and state the reasons for excluding the Commercial Vehicles like Taxis, Trucks, Buses, etc. from the requirement of Pollution Control Certificates even when those predominatly diesel driven vehicles cause a lot of vehicular pollution in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Commercial vehicles are not excluded from obtaining Pollution Under Control Certificates. The pollution levels of all the commercial vehicles registered in Delhi are checked at the time of grant/renewal of fitness certificate and only vehicles having pollution levels within the standards laid down under Rule 115(2) of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 are granted certificate of fitness.

Norms and conditions to recognise any association of employees in Post and Telecom.

468. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms and conditions to recognise an association of employees in Departments of Post and Telecom.

(b) whether P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Association having representation of about 22 1/2 per cent of total employees, has been given recognition in Department of Posts and Telecom, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the facilities extended to the representatives of Association to represent the cases of SC/ST employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Departments of Posts and Telecom, follow the rules and instructions framed by the Deptt. of Personnel & Training in the matter of recognition to service Unions/Associations.

(b) No, Sir. The P&T SC/ST employees Welfare Association could not be recognised by the Departments of Posts & Telecom as it did not satisfy the norms and conditions.

(c) Does not arise.

Bus Terminal at Vasant Vihar

469. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the site for commissioning a bus terminal at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi has been identified;

(b) if so, by when the bus terminal is likely to be commissioned;

(c) what progress has so far been made in the matter; and

(d) what further steps are being taken for commissioning the same at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present DTC has no proposal for commissioning a bus terminal at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Regularisation of daily wages wiremen working in MTNL, New Delhi

470. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are wiremen working on daily wages in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi having service of five to thirteen years who have not been regularised till today, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of such candidates and number of SC/ST therein;

(c) by when these employees are likely to be regularisd on the post of wiremen; and

(d) whether Government propose to evolve any time bound scheme to regularise SC/ST candidates and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. There are 123 daily wage mazdoors working as wiremen in MTNL, New Delhi. All of them have however, been given temporary status, under which a number of benefits as given in statement are admissible to them.

(b) There are 27 SC/ST persons under this category.

(c) There being no regular vacancies in the cadre of wireman, no time limit for regularisation of these employees can be fixed. However, temporary status has already been granted to them as stated above.

(d) There is no proposal at present to regularise the temporary status SC/ST wiremen in a specific time frame. They will be regularised as and when the vacancies become available.

Statement

Benefits admissible to temporary status persons working as Mazdoors/Wiremen

Temporary status would entitle the casual labourers to the following benefits:

(i) Wages at daily rates with reference to the minimum of the pay scale